

**Public Comments on the Revised Draft
Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental
Environmental Impact Statement**

1 Did the original comment period still end on October 13, 2011? The formal comment period for the Fresno to Bakersfield Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) section closed on October 13, 2011. The revised document, to be issued in the spring of 2012, will have a separate, additional 45-day formal comment period.

2 Will the Authority respond to comments received up to the end of the original comment period? Comments received by October 13, 2011 will be responded to when the Final EIR/EIS is released next year, which will follow the circulation of the revised document. Responses to comments from both the revised and current documents will be incorporated into the Final EIR/EIS.

3 Will the Authority respond to comments received between October 13, 2011 and the spring of 2012? Only comments received during the formal comment periods will be responded to in the Final EIR/EIS. Comments received between the close of the official comment period (i.e. after October 13, 2011) and the release of the revised document will not be responded to in the Final EIR/EIS unless they are re-submitted during the 45-day comment period in the spring of 2012. Input received from the public and agencies is encouraged, as it will help guide the revisions.

4 Will the current Draft EIR/EIS remain the same and be added to the Revised Draft? The Authority will use the coming 5-6 months to further engineer the Hanford West route and a new station alternative, seek “value engineering” opportunities to reduce costs, and make other necessary revisions, including those based on comments received between August 12, 2011 to October 13, 2011, the public comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS.

5 Will the current Draft EIR/EIS Hanford East information be part of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental EIS to be released in the spring? Yes, the Authority and Federal Railroad Administration are investigating potential improvements to the route east of Hanford and these will be incorporated into the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental EIS.

6 What is the anticipated duration for the public comment period for the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental EIS? There will be a 45-day comment period to comment on the revised document. Since the revised document will not be released until the spring of 2012, the public has an additional six months to review the current Draft EIR/EIS for Fresno to Bakersfield.